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MONTHLY BUSINESS INDICATORS VICTORIA, APRIL 1987

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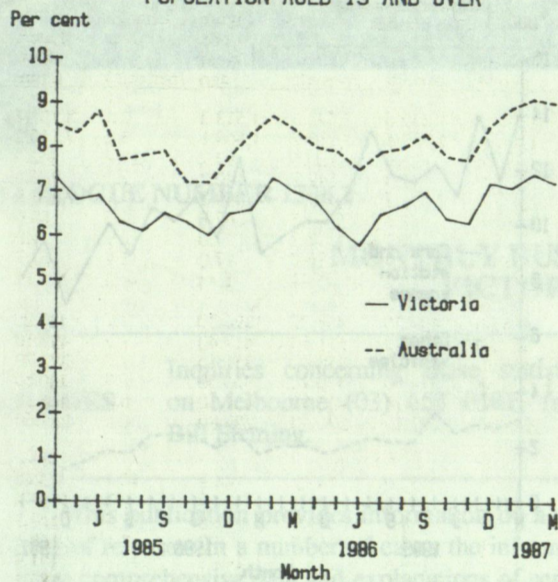
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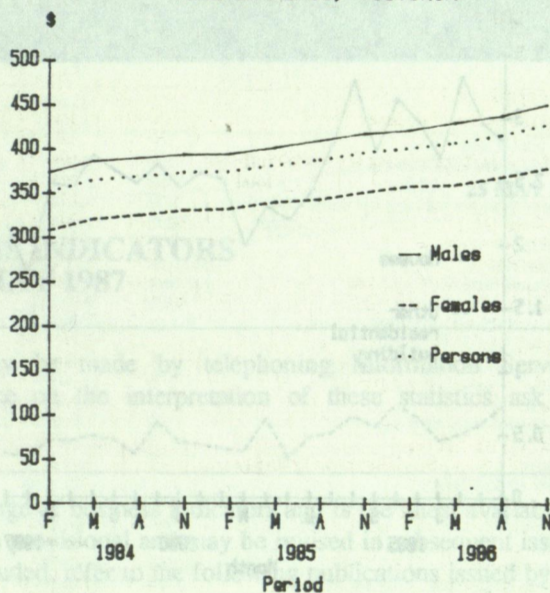
Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year (per cent)	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. (per cent)
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE (a)										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Mar 87	1,552.0	1,547.5	1,532.6	1,542.5	1,513.3	2.6	5,707.4	1.2
- total	'000	Mar 87	1,928.5	1,887.4	1,859.5	1,910.7	1,869.1	3.2	7,110.2	2.1
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Mar 87	115.1	119.8	121.4	120.6	97.2	18.4	562.5	12.1
- total	'000	Mar 87	150.3	150.0	142.0	149.2	140.2	7.2	702.6	10.7
Labour force	'000	Mar 87	2,078.7	2,037.4	2,001.5	2,059.8	2,009.3	3.5	7,812.8	2.9
Participation rate	per cent	Mar 87	63.8	62.6	61.6	63.5	62.8	1.6	63.0	0.5
Unemployment rate	per cent	Mar 87	7.2	7.4	7.1	7.2	7.0	2.9	9.0	7.1
Job vacancies	'000	Feb 87	18.0	12.8	12.9	16.8	17.0	5.9	62.7	6.3
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Feb 87	1.38	1.40	1.22	1.41	1.44	-4.2	1.19	-4.8
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	Nov 86	427.70	415.60	407.20	401.20	396.30	7.9	427.20	7.6
- Males	\$	Nov 86	450.30	437.50	429.70	421.50	417.40	7.9	452.10	7.7
- Females	\$	Nov 86	378.30	368.30	359.80	358.40	351.40	7.7	372.70	7.9
All employees total earnings -	\$	Nov 86	388.50	374.80	374.80	370.10	365.50	6.3	380.60	7.0
- Males	\$	Nov 86	446.70	429.50	425.70	423.50	421.30	6.0	446.30	7.8
- Females	\$	Nov 86	301.00	294.50	297.10	290.50	283.80	6.1	287.60	7.2
CONSUMER PRICES (b)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Dec qr 86	158.9	156.1	152.0	147.2	144.2	10.2	156.0	8.9
Clothing	index	Dec qr 86	151.3	145.9	144.6	138.1	137.9	9.7	152.2	10.2
Housing	index	Dec qr 86	173.9	171.3	168.6	164.8	161.8	7.5	163.1	7.2
Household equipment & operation	index	Dec qr 86	161.3	156.8	153.7	152.3	149.2	8.1	160.3	7.4
Transportation	index	Dec qr 86	164.5	156.8	149.6	153.8	146.5	12.3	171.9	11.8
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Dec qr 86	176.8	171.8	168.1	165.1	160.7	10.0	180.2	10.7
Health & personal care	index	Dec qr 86	164.1	151.4	147.4	142.4	138.6	18.4	153.6	18.0
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Dec qr 86	142.1	139.8	136.8	134.1	129.2	10.0	139.1	9.0
All groups	index	Dec qr 86	162.9	158.2	154.2	151.8	147.8	10.2	161.5	9.8
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Jan 87	1,231.6	1,714.0	1,267.0	1,280.7	1,107.4	11.2	4,603.0	7.6
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Jan 87	17	33	35	38	24	-29.2	99	-154
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Jan 87	188	236	278	291	187	0.5	831	-3.7
Plastics & synthetic resins (c)	tonnes	Jan 87	24,886	32,573	36,517	41,240	46,575	-46.6	44,162	-12.3
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Jan 87	1,928	3,505	3,329	3,420	1,395	38.2	1,374	-16.0
Cars & station wagons	'000	Jan 87	2.4	13.4	16.9	18.0	7.3	-67.1	6.5	-454
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Jan 87	184	617	835	1,027	299	-38.5	590	0.0
- Wool	tonnes	Jan 87	583	1,262	1,456	1,586	864	-32.5	667	-38.8
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Jan 87	346	1,401	1,568	2,115	616	-43.8	849	-34.2
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Jan 87	209	255	r357	443	231	-9.5	484	-18.7
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Jan 87	1,577	6,363	r7,274	8,199	2,421	-34.9	3,643	-19.2
Electricity	million kWh	Jan 87	2,450	2,292	2,325	2,484	2,370	3.4	10,261	4.2
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Feb 87	1,067.5	1,094.2	1,152.3	1,194.0	902.5	18.3	3,027.2	15.3
Exports (excl re-exports)	\$m	Feb 87	570.8	581.3	689.5	619.4	683.6	-16.5	2,695.7	5.6
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Feb 87	2,141	1,758	2,486	2,442	2,298	-6.8	7,018	-11.3
New other dwellings	No.	Feb 87	345	319	445	445	626	-44.9	2,180	6.7
Value of all building	\$m	Feb 87	315.0	336.9	384.4	366.6	337.4	-6.6	1,154.0	6.2
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Sep qr 86	6,840	6,750	6,930	8,150	8,090	-15.5	23,350	-23.1
Value of new houses	\$m	Sep qr 86	445.8	426.6	424.8	494.2	462.7	-3.7	1,385.4	-15.3
New other residential buildings	No.	Sep qr 86	1,352	1,150	1,385	1,695	1,722	-21.5	7,582	-15.0
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Sep qr 86	57.9	47.9	56.6	68.1	68.7	-15.7	364.8	-5.3
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Sep qr 86	874.1	429.0	496.5	428.1	447.1	95.5	2,862.9	38.4
Value of all building	\$m	Sep qr 86	1,459.1	990.5	1,053.0	1,072.5	1,053.1	38.6	4,885.0	12.6
Work done in period	\$m	Sep qr 86	1,221.8	1,173.3	980.1	1,116.7	1,149.1	6.3	4,536.9	6.2
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS - (d)										
House building (1966-67=100)	index	Jan 87	105.7	105.4	105.2	105.0	100.6	5.1	105.8	5.5
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Jan 87	177.6	176.9	176.3	176.0	165.5	7.3	180.7	7.2
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Feb 87	9,535	10,990	8,303	10,135	11,622	-18.0	34,464	-16.5
Other motor vehicles (excl motor cycles)	No.	Feb 87	8,153	9,419	7,106	8,642	9,585	-14.9	28,198	-10.5
Motor cycles	No.	Feb 87	1,382	1,571	1,197	1,493	2,037	-32.2	6,266	-35.7
Motor cycles	No.	Feb 87	486	471	370	573	726	-33.1	2,101	-29.0
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Feb 87	17,777	17,579	17,696	17,346	15,335	15.9	45,914	15.5
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Feb 87	4,647	4,639	4,493	4,318	3,842	21.0	15,574	16.5
Fixed deposits	\$m	Feb 87	8,201	8,018	7,928	8,131	8,359	-1.9	29,769	-2.2
Advances	\$m	Feb 87	13,371	13,337	13,110	12,894	10,836	23.4	43,801	12.4
Debits to customers' accounts (e)	\$m	Feb 87	26,290	23,340	29,478	25,497	23,219	13.2	112,053	24.3
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Feb 87	344.8	292.7	361.2	333.7	252.0	36.8	1,151.5	44.4
Savings banks	\$m	Feb 87	296.4	250.8	300.5	283.3	177.2	67.3	815.4	110.4
Trading banks	\$m	Feb 87	18.0	15.0	24.1	19.9	29.3	-38.6	90.8	-36.8
Permanent building societies	\$m	Feb 87	16.1	14.5	21.0	18.4	20.4	-21.1	174.0	8.1
Other lenders	\$m	Feb 87	14.2	12.4	15.7	12.1	25.1	-43.4	71.3	-32.3
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (f)										
Manufacturing	\$m	Sep qr 86	1,588	1,435	r1,058	r1,316	1,243	27.8	5,319	14.3
Finance	\$m	Sep qr 86	604	535	r383	478	444	36.0	1,351	19.7
New building and structures	\$m	Sep qr 86	630	564	r425	r525	517	21.9	1,960	1.1
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Sep qr 86	432	378	r205	r333	260	66.2	1,747	44.9
	\$m	Sep qr 86	1,156	1,058	r853	r983	983	17.6	3,572	3.6

(a) Labour force figures from January 1985 have been adjusted to allow comparison with published data from April 1986. (b) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (c) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (d) The Australian figures for the CPI indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (e) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (f) By private enterprises.

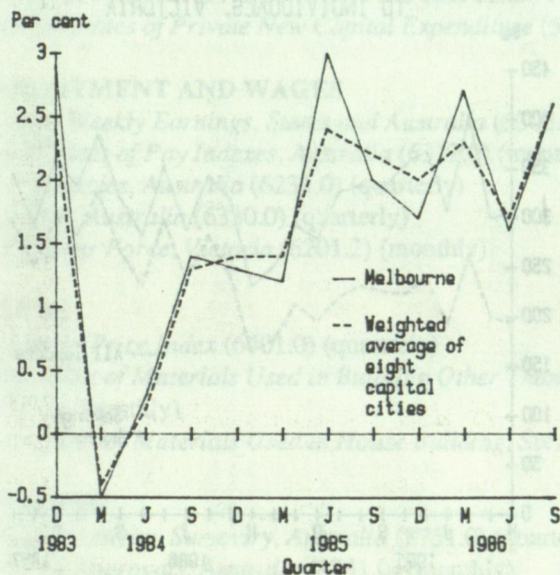
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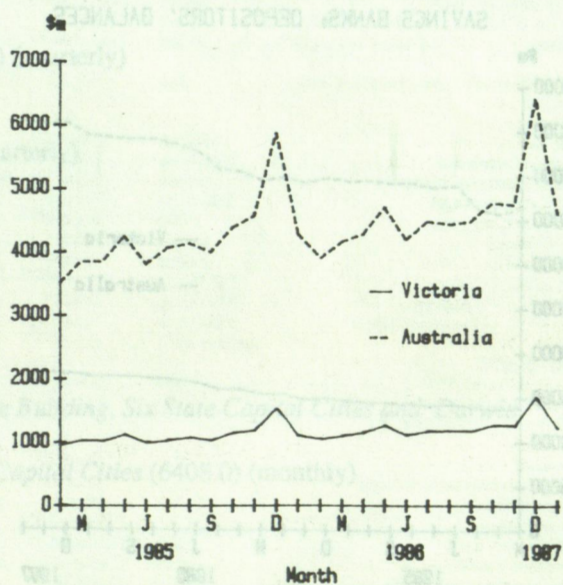
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TIME EARNINGS, VICTORIA



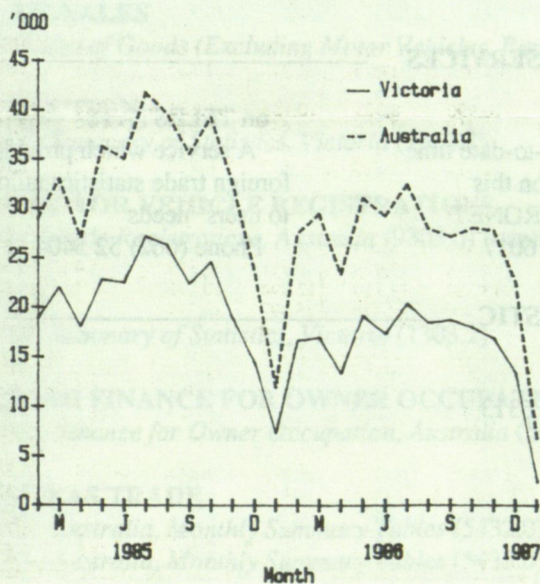
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS
Percentage change from previous quarter



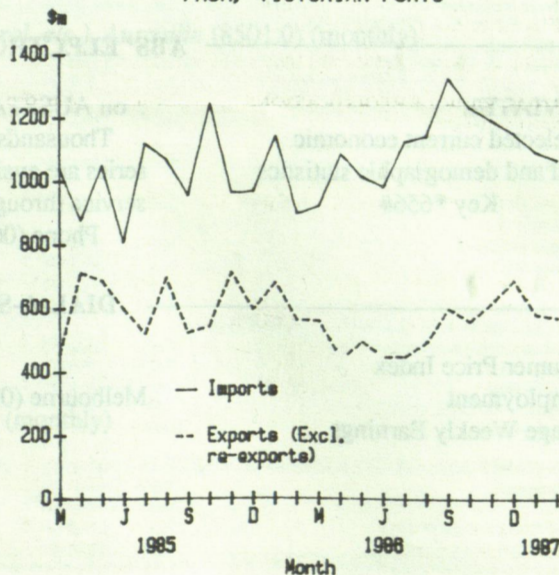
VALUE OF RETAIL SALES



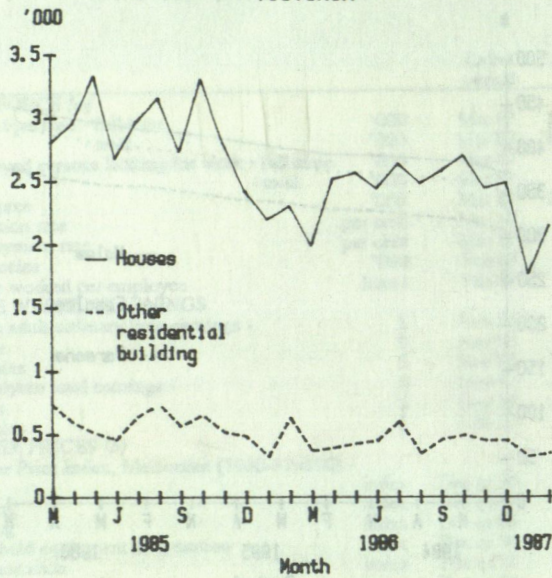
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



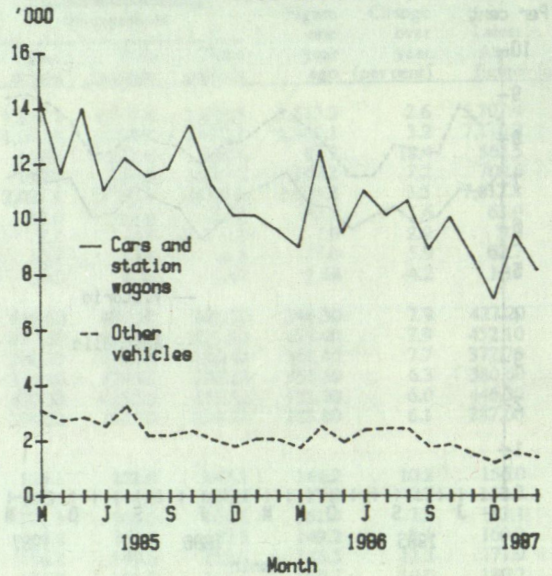
VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO, AND EXPORTS
FROM, VICTORIAN PORTS



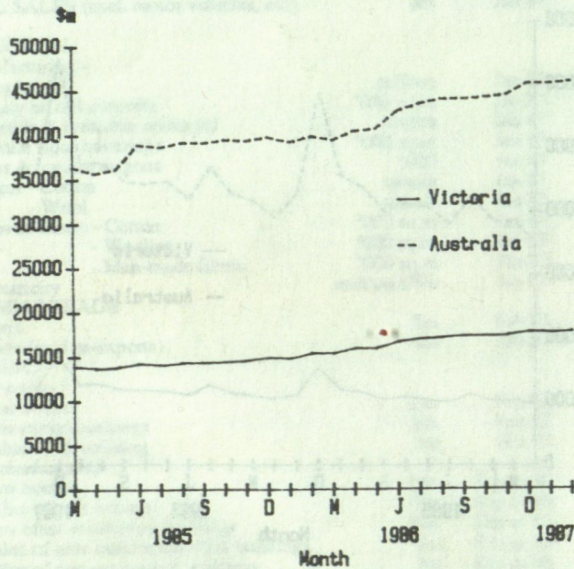
NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS APPROVED,
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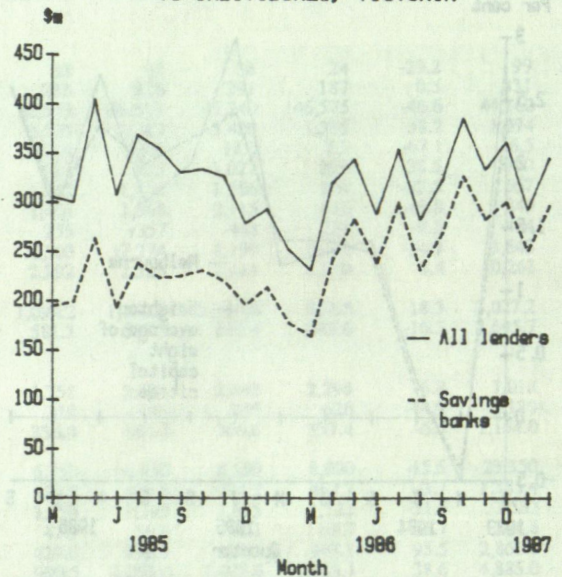
NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
VICTORIA



SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS
TO INDIVIDUALS, VICTORIA



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